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The $65,000 Question

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - As part of the regular December 4th Selectmen's meeting, board members met with the Sewage Commissioners, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Town Auditor and Town Treasurer for discussions relating to Phase IV of the Sewer Expansion Project. It was noted that 445 dwellings would be covered by the project.

Sewer Commission Chairman George Buron explained that two years ago $190,000 was appropriated for the engineering work for Wheelock Avenue and Millbury Avenue, up to the Dorothy Manor School. "The engineering is complete for all Dorothy Pond, which now brings us to this point in time," Buron said.

Buron also said that the project would not receive a 50% grant from the state as in the past. "The problem we face now," he said, "is that you get interest free money. They (the State) float a super bond for $300 million, then the State gives you a portion of that money. Now, instead of getting a 50-50 grant, it ends up as a 25% grant or 25% payment toward the bond issue which is picked up by the state. Previously, it was 50-50 state and town. We are concerned about that, that is why we wanted this meeting."

Buron said the estimated price tag on the project is $6.3 million which would include costs for construction, supervision, easements and a contingency fee of 10%. "I don't know, #1, if we can afford it," Buron said, "and #2, the whole method of applying for grants has changed."

Buron said one thing the project does for the town is that it totally cleans up the issue of seepage of sewerage into Dorothy Pond. "We have been moved up on the list for state funding, " he said. "That's why we are here. We have been told we will be eligible, the reason being because of the Dorothy Pond area. We are eligible to receive money, if we want money (for sewer projects.)"

Jude Cristo, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, told Buron that a study done back in 1980 shows that only 7% of the pollution problems at Dorothy Pond can be laid to the on-line septic systems in that area. He said that since then, 40-50% of the area has been sewered, and completing the sewer project is not going to straighten out Dorothy Pond. "The biggest problem is up in Broadmeadow Brook in Worcester," Cristo said. "The sewerage problem overall was an insignificant part of the whole problem."

Buron said he was not familiar with the study referred to by Cristo. He went on to say, "because of outstanding (town) debts, we can be eligible for monies, but we don't know the numbers as to whether it will be 25% to 30%. Another thing we don't know is what the bond interest will be."

Cristo said that because of the state's fiscal problems the town might get a better interest rate on a bond than the state.

Buron said the town may get a better rate but then it wouldn't get the 25% from the State.

"We were under the impression that the state would be going out for a bond this month (for sewer projects in the state)," Buron said. "They were talking 8% (interest);

Cristo asked Buron for a time frame on the project. Buron said it would take about 2 1/2 years, depending on when the project begins.

Town Treasurer Dave Cofske said that once construction begins, he will have to borrow some money, with the Town paying interest.

"You don't have to pay one penny until after construction," Buron said.

Cofske asked if the State would forgive all costs up to that time.

"Yes," Buron replied.

Sewer Commissioner Richard Prue said the town would submit a bill to the state for every part of the construction and the state would pay the contractors. We wouldn't see one bit of money," he said.

Cristo asked about the town debt and how many years are remaining on the notes. Cofske provided him with the following information:

- There is a $500,000 balance on sewer line notes with a maturity date of 1995.
- A $1.7 million outstanding debt for the Center of Town cleanup, just completed, maturing in the year 2010.
- The Shaw Middle School, $460,000 debt, maturing in 1994
- The high school addition of $665,000, maturing in 1998
- $1.1 million for the Transfer Station.
- $300,000 for Millbury Avenue.
- $1.3 million for the dump closing.

Cristo said that from a fiscal standpoint, the proposed sewer project would be increasing the town's debt by 100%. "In these fiscal times, is this the time to do this," he asked. "Are we looking to cut down the debt, keep this on the back burner, and look to do this in the future? This is a project of large magnitude."

Buron said he didn't expect to walk away from tonight's meeting with a resolution.

Cristo then asked if the project could be split or reduced to a smaller magnitude.

Buron replied that the only way it could be split is up through Riverlin Street in order to move the flow of sewerage by gravity. He also indicated that there were no figures for a split in the project.

Town Planner Dave Hulseberg said it might be possible to create a sewer district as a separate entity so the town debt capacity and levy limits would not be affected.

Cristo asked if that would mean the project would be outside Proposition 2 1/2.

Hulseberg replied, "Exactly, you would still pay, but you would be working in the black." Under Hulseberg's suggestion, each sewer district would be independently owned and paid for by those being serviced by that district and not by the town as a whole. Thus, monies for payment of the district would not come out of the general fund, but would be handled by the district itself. This does not reduce the levy limit of the town which is presently based on property values, and would free up that money presently going to sewer payments for other things in town.

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Property Owners Have Some Options

By Alec G. Belisle

MILLBURY - Now that the options for the Route 146/Route 20/Mass. Pike interchanges and connectors has been narrowed to just two, the local ramifications of the project are beginning to materialize. At the November 13 meeting with the Department of Public Works, the two options for the interchanges and connectors were presented (***Chronicle***, November 29). Discussed was the impact that each option would have on local residential and business properties and the process that the state follows in eminent domain land takings. Not fully discussed were the legal rights that residents affected by the project have.

The ***Chronicle*** met with Attorney Ralph Sbrogna, a partner in the Worcester law firm of Anderson, Pentland and Sbrogna which has as one of its specialties Eminent Domain and Land Taking. We inquired about a businessman's or residents' rights when it appears that a home or business is in the path of new construction.

According to Sbrogna, there is little that a business or landowner can do once the state has decided to take the property since the state has a constitutional right to take land. However, the state must compensate for the property. He said there are several courses of action which a property owner can take once the state notifies them that their property is to be taken.

"The state will determine the compensation based on the Fair Market Value on the day of the taking," Sbrogna said. He explained the state arrives at this figure by considering the highest and best use of the property in light of zoning, physical characteristics and other features which might affect the market value of the property. "(The state) will give you what the property would bring to a seller who has no compulsion to

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Tuttle to Seek Election Review

MILLBURY - Alan M. Tuttle, a recent candidate for State Representative from the 7th Worcester district, has announced that he has filed suit in Worcester Superior Court for a judicial review of the November 6 state representative race. The District covers the towns of Millbury, Oxford, and Auburn.

Initial election results on November 6 showed Tuttle losing to incumbent Representative Paul Kollios by 16 votes. Following a recount on November 23, which was requested by both Tuttle and Kollios, Kollios picked up 23 votes in Millbury and 65 in Auburn. Tuttle picked up 28 votes in Millbury, 22 in Oxford, and 41 in Auburn, reducing Kollios' margin of victory to 13 votes.

Tuttle said his decision to seek a review through the courts was a difficult one, both personally and financially. "This was a decision I made with the full support of my family and those individuals who worked so diligently for me during the campaign," he said.

Tuttle said that during the recount, there were a large number of ballots that his campaign felt were called the wrong way. "It is the Constitutional right of the voters in the 7th Worcester District to have as their representative that individual who received the majority of the votes in the district," Tuttle said. "As long as doubts and questions remain over some of the contested ballots, I feel I owe it to the voters to use every avenue at my disposal to insure that their rights have been protected."

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We The People...

Dissatisfied with Letter

To the Editor:

I must state that I felt very dissatisfied with Mr. William T. Walsh's letter of December 7, 1990. The voters have spoken no mater how narrow the margin. Mr. Kollios has been reelected.

Also, Mr. Walsh does not really sound as one who is really laughing. He sounds more like a case of sour grapes.

And perhaps if he does not like what Paul Kollios is doing, he could be more specific about it and express his concerns to his duly elected representative in a more constructive way, instead of just saying that he is 'a voter who doesn't like what Paul Kollios is doing.'

Ellen T. Powers
Millbury

Thank You...

On behalf of the students and staff at Elmwood Street School, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Fire Chief Tom Nault, and his staff, especially Lynn Shaw, for their continued support in providing fire safety programs in the schools.

This "hands on" approach with the children regarding fire safety has always been a popular teaching method with the children. Also, we would like to thank the Fire Department for sponsoring a poster contest in which the children received t-shirts for first place and Sparky pins for second place.

1st place: Amanda Perkins, Grade 1, Mrs. Brown's class; Christopher Rich, Grade 1, Mrs. Tabor's class; Michael Hamilton, Grade 1, Miss Dowgert's class; Robert Parslow, grade 1, Mrs. Chafetz's class; and Chloe Zona, grade 1, Mrs. Fagan's class.

2nd Place: Aaron Stairs, grade 1, Mrs. Brown's class; Megan Popienuick, grade 1, Mrs. Tabor's class; Katie Schiff, grade 1, Miss Dowgert's class; Vasilia Calpouzos, grade 1, Mrs. Chafetz's class; Aziza Mihoubi, grade 1, Mrs. Fagan's class; Thomas Krumsiek, grade 1, Mrs. King's class; and Christie Henault, grade 1, Mrs. Brisson's class.

Many, many, thanks to the Millbury Fire Department for your continued support.

Kelton Johnson
Principal
Elmwood Street School

Another Point of View

Here We Go Again!

By Lawrence Moore

Citizens for Limited Taxation is proposing legislation to achieve the objective of Question 3 in the last election: reduced taxes. There are major differences. Aside from details, this attempt is via the legislative process. CLT, desirous of immediate change, had to approach the proposal through the legislature or wait until 1992.

Now comes the "Catch 22". The proposal is at the mercy of the Legislature. If the experience with tax legislation of the past year on the Federal level is any indication, legislators are prone to give with one hand and take away with the other. Pet projects and favored people are not forgotten.

The makeup of the new Legislature is not much different from the lame duck group now in session. Precedent tells us that legislators count on short memories among the electorate, and view the 1992 election as being 22 long months away. It isn't unreasonable to think some of the legislators are licking their chops, thinking what they could do with the $400 million CLT seeks to save.

At first reading, the new proposal looks great. Remember though, that Question 3 looked great, and was predicted to be approved by a 2 to 1 margin. Will the opponents begin to pick this legislation apart? Will the Legislature make the reorganizational savings to balance this $400 million loss of income? And will the same groups who opposed Question 3 try to defeat this proposal, using exactly the same tactics? Will they embrace a $400 million cut prior to the reorganization of the state government? Will they tolerate a restructuring of state government? In order for this proposal to fly, those who feed from the public trough must have a degree of rectitude which, in my opinion, they do not have.

The fate of this proposal now rests with those who control the arcane workings of Beacon Hill. If you've watched the sessions broadcast on Channel 44 and have seen the Legislature in action, you must wonder how different the new legislature can possibly be. This proposal will be chewed up, challenged and changed and will come out far different from the proposal offered by CLT.

Legislators thrive on spending. Since the election we've seen pork barrel activity: courts that should have been but were not closed, personnel transfers designed to protect incumbents, and appointments made to save the slots from the new administration.

The last election threw a scare into the minds, hearts and souls of those in State Government.

Our job, henceforth, is to make the legislators aware that we have not gone to sleep, are still interested, and are waiting to see what they will do. There's too much at stake in

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

'The Entire Community Is Grieving Over This Act of Vandalism'

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The December 4 Selectmen's meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Jude Cristo deferred the usual opening agenda items to meet with Board of Health Chairman James Dwinell to discuss the possibility of brokering any excess tonnage that the Town would be allotted at Wheelabrator-Millbury, Inc.

Dwinell told the board that after reviewing the latest figures for the last two weeks, 225 tons would be available at year's end.

Cristo asked Dwinell if there would be enough left for the town to end the year.

"I don't believe so," Dwinell replied. "What happens if we have a rainy or snowy December? Weather is a factor as it can increase the weight. I'm not comfortable with that figure of 225 tons. If it was 500 tons that would be a horse of a different color."

Cristo also asked if there was a possibility the town could exceed its tonnage.

"Yes, there is a possibility," Dwinell replied. "Last year December was dry and cold. Who knows what this December will be. Look at today, two inches of rain. I know the tonnage will be up today." He said the Board of Health does not recommend brokering the tonnage.

Board member Bernard Plante questioned whether the town can broker any excess tonnage. "Last week it was said that there was nothing in the contract (with Wheelabrator) that says we can't do that. Is that true," he asked.

"I don't know," Dwinell replied.

Cristo said, "In my opinion, and I'm not a lawyer, if it is not expressly prohibited you can do it. There was no provision in the contract, and I think Millbury has every right to do it. I think the only way we are going to find out is to test the waters and do it."

Cristo also said that John O'Sullivan of Wheelabrator called him last week saying the company would respond in writing to the proposal to broker the excess tonnage.

Plante asked if O'Sullivan had indicated how he felt about it.

Cristo said O'Sullivan indicated that he didn't believe the Town could do it, although he did agree that the matter wasn't covered in the contract. "Obviously, Wheelabrator is going to say we can't do it," Cristo said. "It's going to cost them some money. It's going to prevent them from getting commercial tonnage at the going rate if we sell it at a rate less than the going rate. I think it's an opportunity for the town to get additional revenues. We should do all we can to bring money into the town."

The board approved a motion by Lachance to uphold the Board of Health's recommendation not to broker the excess tonnage this year. The vote was 4-1 with Cristo opposed.

Cemetery Vandalism

At 7:15 the board met with Police Chief Ron Stokowski. Cristo opened the discussion by commending the Police Department for its expeditious investigation of the vandalism at Central Cemetery and St. Brigid's Cemetery. "In all my years in this community," Cristo said, "I can't recall a more heinous or despicable act of vandalism. The hearts of the Board of Selectmen go out to the families for the deceased who had gravestones damaged. In my opinion, this is not a victimless crime by any means."

"I agree with you," Stokowski said. "I was there Saturday, but it wasn't only those people whose family monuments were disturbed by the vandalism, but also others who visit that area who felt the same saddening experience everybody had. When I got there, I was solemn and quiet. I couldn't believe anyone could do something like that since we consider it a sacred area. I appreciate your comments. All members of the department rallied to bring this case forward and to an end by Monday morning."

Stokowski noted that the primary people involved in the investigation were Sgt. Lincoln Barton, and Officers Gerard Kelley and Richard Handfield. He also praised the department in general for its inside knowledge of the people in the community, which was a factor in the investigation.

Stokowski said that if the juveniles are convicted of the vandalism, they should be made to repay the community once they become adults and join the work force. "If they offer the town community service, I will oppose it. There is nothing those kids can do for this community," he said. "They have hurt some people here; it is irreversible; there is no restitution. Some elderly people have lost all faith they have held for all these years because of what has happened to what they hold sacred. They couldn't believe that some people don't hold to that belief. They should be paid something. How it will work out with the juvenile court system and what District Attorney John Conte may file for charges has yet to be discussed."

Cemetery Commissioner Richard Plante was present to act as spokesman for the commissioners. Plante reported that a total of 98 graves in Central Cemetery were vandalized. He said he has already contacted three monument companies to get bids on standing up and resealing the monuments. "If there are chips or cracks, that's out of my hands," Plante said. He also indicated that a welder would be looking at the metal markers of the G.A.R. lots to see what kind of metal they are made of and if they can be repaired.

Selectman Roland Lachance asked Plante what would be done with the older white stones that date back to the 1800's since there may be no family members left in the area.

Plante said some could possibly be re-sealed but they would not look like the original markers.

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Plante then thanked Stokowski and his department for a job well done. He also noted that he had received several calls from people offering their services in getting things back in shape. Cristo remarked, "I can understand why, Richard, it is an issue of the heart. The entire community is grieving over this act of vandalism."

Plante said it would be more appropriate to get the job done properly by getting a stone company in to do the work. He also explained that monies would come out of the perpetual care account through a transfer of funds.

Miscellaneous

- The board held a pole location hearing on the application of New England Telephone for a pole to be located on Rte. 146 near Herricks Lane. No abutters were present, and there was no opposition. The board approved 5-0.
- Administrative Assistant Earl Chase said he spoke with bond counsel about the billing from subcontractors who worked on the transfer station but were not paid by the general contractor. He said the building committee will come in to resolve all outstanding bills.
- Cristo suggested that the board take a look at the Center School because he has heard that some vandalism has occurred.
- Rte. 146/90 Interchange Study Committee member Bernard Plante reported that the committee met recently and expressed displeasure with the way things are moving with the State. "They think they have done all they can do," he said. "They feel they are getting nowhere."
- The board voted 4-1, with Lachance opposed, to accept a bid from Homestead Inc. for consulting work for relighting of the town for energy savings.
- The board unanimously endorsed the Planning Board's survey to be sent to all residents and homeowners.
- The board took no action on a request from the Planning board for a member of the board of selectmen to be on the ad hoc study committee which will be studying the future use of land at the "Dauphinais Quarry" off Millbury Avenue.

Sewer Expansion Project

See front page story on Phase IV of the Sewer Expansion project.

Correspondence

A letter from Safety Officer Ron Richard listed the following recommendations for the Park Hill Avenue area:

- A solid yellow stripe painted on Park Hill Avenue to clearly mark two distinct lanes.
- Speed limits sings of 30 MPH placed in several locations on Park Hill.
- A "Stop" sign at the intersection of Holman Rd. and Park Hill
- A "Stop" sign at the intersection of Weldon Dr. and Park Hill
- "Go Children Slow" signs in several locations on Park Hill
- A "Thickly Settled District" sign posted on Holman Road in both directions.
- Removal of high brush and trees along Park Hill and Holman Road, to be kept trimmed by the Tree Warden.
- A letter from the Board of Selectmen to the carpentry school about the concerns of the residents of the Park Hill Avenue area over the reckless driving habits of the students.

Millbury Tax Bills

MILLBURY - The first half of Fiscal 1991 Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed December 5, 1990. They are due IN THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE January 4, 1991. Payments received after January 4, 1991, in the office or by mail, will be subject to interest at 14% per annum from the mailing date.

Because of the upcoming Holidays, the Municipal Building will close at noon December 24th, and will be closed Tuesday, December 25, 1990 and Tuesday, January 1, 1991. December 18th will be the last Tuesday evening that the offices will be open before January 4, 1991.

Class of 1986

MILLBURY - Millbury High School's Class of 1986 is planning a 5th year reunion. The response has been enthusiastic, but reunion organizers have been unable to locate the following: Melissa Duprus-Flemming, Laurie Fontaine, Michelle Pryzagoda, Phillip Mossa, Matt Reney, and Michelle Ruby.

If you have any information on these classmates, contact Deidre at 865-2013 or Cathy at 865-6567. It is still not too late to return your responses to the reunion.

Christmas Service

SUTTON - The West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, will hold its annual Candlelight Christmas Service on December 23 at 7 p.m. The special musical guests of the evening will be the Blackstone Valley Heritage Chorale.

Musical accompaniment will provided by Mrs. Barbara Smith, violin; Mrs. Joyce Waltrous, piano; and Martha Stafinski, organ. The Rev. Lloyd Yeagle of Oxford will read the Christmas story. The dedication of a baby will take place during the service. A coffee hour will follow the service in the community hall. A baby picture contest will be held during the coffee hour. Participants are asked to bring a baby picture of themselves.

Low Vision Aids

WORCESTER - The Massachusetts Association for the Blind stocks over 200 items of low vision aids at their agency office at 51 Harvard Street. Included are large print address books, check registers, cookbooks, telephone dials, clocks, watches, games, and timers, talking clocks, watches, scales, calculators, and many other personal and household items that have been adapted for people with low vision. Christmas, birthday and get well cards are now also available in braille in addition to braille watches and playing cards.

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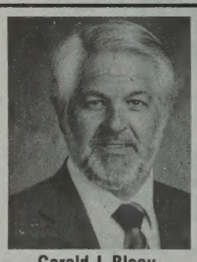
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Beacon Hill Roll Call

This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator John Houston (D-Worcester) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) for the recent sessions from November 26-30.

The first three roll calls are on proposed amendments to the bill authorizing New England Telephone to charge customers after 10 free directory assistance calls per month and establishing an enhanced 911 emergency telephone response system and special phone services for the handicapped.

THE HOUSE

DECOUPLE 411 and 911 (H 6280) - House 115-29, rejected an amendment striking the section of the 411/911 bill which allows charges for 411 calls and replace it with a section allowing the phone company to seek to recover costs for the enhanced 911 system from ratepayers through the Department of Public Utilities. Amendment supporters said this will provide for enhanced 911 without 411 charges and will simply allow the phone company to appear before the DPU and justify its costs and rates. Opponents said the amendment will kill a fair funding mechanism and result in a large general rate increase. Moore and Kollios voted for a charge for 411.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES (H 6280) - House 122-19, rejected an amendment striking a section providing that a community which accepts the enhanced 911 provisions later than one year after the effective date of the bill will be responsible for the cost of the capital improvements to comply with the bill. Amendment supporters said this unfairly penalizes communities which may not be able to quickly act on accepting the provisions. Amendment opponents said 12 months is reasonable and argued the deadline is an incentive for communities to act quickly and only have to fund staffing and operation rather than capital improvements. Moore and Kollios voted to require communities to fund capital improvements.

NEW NUMBERS (H 6280) - House 94-48, concurred with the Senate amendment striking a section of the bill prohibiting a customer from being charged for 411 calls for "newly installed telephone numbers not yet listed in printed telephone books." Amendment supporters said prohibiting this charge will result in up to a $10 million revenue loss and will endanger the funding of the enhanced 911 system. Opponents said it is unfair to charge customers for obtaining a telephone number which is not listed in the latest printed directory. Moore and Kollios voted to prohibit charges for these numbers.

JUVENILES (H 6338) - All members of the House gave near final approval to the bill making it easier to try juveniles as adults when they are charged with murder. Under the bill, juveniles over 14 charged with first or second degree murder will automatically have a hearing to determine whether they should be tried in adult court. The bill also places the burden on the offenders to show they are not dangerous and can be rehabilitated and should not be tried as an adult. Previously the burden was on the prosecution to show the juvenile was dangerous and could not be rehabilitated. The measure also allows judges to commit juveniles not tried as adults to the Department of Youth Services facilities until age 21 instead of 18.

THE SENATE

AUTO EMISSIONS (H 5593) - Senate 19-18, postponed for one week a bill providing that Massachusetts, beginning with car model year 1993, adopt California's strict auto emissions standards. Bill supporters said the measure will substantially reduce tailpipe emissions and clean up the environment. Opponents said recently passed federal clean air legislation is sufficient and argued the bill will hurt auto sales and the economy. Houston voted against postponement.

HATE CRIMES (S 1665) - Senate 32-1, took from the table a bill providing for the Public Safety Commissioner to establish regulations for the establishment of a central repository for the collection and analysis of information on "hate crime" incidents motivated by bigotry and bias. Taking the bill from the table allows further Senate action on the matter while leaving it on the table prevents further action. Bill supporters said the measure involves minimal costs and will provide statewide data on which to base action to stem the rising tide of these crimes. Opponents said the bill is poorly drafted and argued the definition of "hate crimes" is vague. They claimed the federal act on "hate crimes" is sufficient. Houston voted to remove the bill from the table.

Name The Christmas Puppy Contest

MILLBURY - To help usher in the Christmas season, the Millbury Savings Bank will host a "Name the Christmas Puppy Contest" at their main office, 109 Elm Street, where a large fiesta toy "puppy" will be spending most of the month of December.

Any child 12 years of age or younger may enter the contest. Stop in with mom or dad, fill out an entry slip with the name you think "puppy" would like, and drop it in the Christmas present box. A panel of judges will do the rest. The winner will be announced and notified by telephone on Friday afternoon, December 21.

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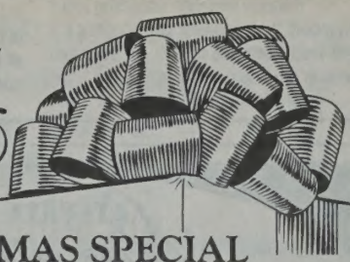

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QUESTION from Page 1

Buron suggested that everyone sit down with the Finance Committee, the Auditor, and the Treasurer and come up with some numbers. "That's why I'm here, really," he said, "I don't want to jam it down anyone's throat."

Hilltop Drive resident Joseph Bianculli said he recalled that the original proposal for the Millbury Sewerage Treatment Plant on Providence Street indicated that the plant would be large enough to accommodate the sewerage needs of the Town of Millbury. "What they failed to tell me was that I would be 140 years old before I saw sewerage in East Millbury," he said.

Bianculli also said it was reported at that public hearing on the sewerage plant that the bond to be paid for the facility would be paid in two different ways: 1. residents not on line with sewerage would pay 50% of the general bond on the tax rate; 2. a second 50% would be paid by the users through a user's fee for maintenance.

"I thought the town was ready for it (a sewerage treatment plant) and that the plan was feasible," Bianculli said. "Ten or 15 years ago, Mr. Buron asked for a part of the user fee to be placed in a revolving account for an expansion program. It was accepted at town meeting. It sounded like a good idea but not for people who will never see a sewer line. Now we pay 100% of the bond on the tax rate."

Bianculli then noted that in the last six months, people who have their cesspools pumped are paying out of their own pockets to have that septic waste brought to the Upper Blackstone Sewerage Treatment Plant on Rte. 20. In the past, the cost of dumping septic waste at the Rte. 20 treatment plant was picked up by the town through money appropriated annually for that purpose in the sewer commission budget. He noted that these same people who are paying for the dumping have already paid for the sewer bond for 20 years yet have no town sewerage.

Bianculli said that, according to the town report, the charge for getting rid of the waste went from $35 to $42 per thousand gallons in the last six months.

"In the budget last May at Town Meeting, there was $65,000 appropriated to get rid of the septic waste," Bianculli said. "I believe the year before it was $45,000 that was appropriated at town meeting. In the same year, the sewer commission derived $85,000 in permit fees which absorbed about 20% of the cost (for the dumping). I personally think the town should go forward with their sewerage plan but I think everyone should be treated fairly. I feel that I am not being treated fairly. I think the selectmen should not support this at this time until the sewerage commissioners make some sort of reversal of what they did these last six months to people who are still on cesspools."

Bianculli said that the user fee about three years ago was about $1.00 per thousand gallons based on water bills. "I would gladly pay that $1 per 1,000 gallons to get rid of my 3,000 gallons of sewerage," he said. "That would be more than fair and I would gladly pay the $3.00. I will not support $1's worth for expansion of the sewer system until there is a guarantee that people who don't have sewerage will get a reversal in present fees."

Cristo said he was glad Bianculli bought up the matter of the $65,000, and asked Buron if in fact that sum was appropriated at the town meeting to cover the cost for cesspool dumping at the Rte. 20 treatment plant.

Buron said the $65,000 was in the sewer department budget as a line item. "At a meeting on the budget here, I was mandated to have the homeowner start paying," Buron said. "I was mandated at those budget meetings. They (finance committee) removed that ($65,000) from our budget."

Cristo said he recalled that the town was going to charge the sewer commission for some services with the costs to be passed on to sewer users. "I don't know how you got to the point of charging non-users," he said. "I know it came about, but I don't recall how."

Finance Committee Chairman Tom Clawson said charging non-users for sewerage disposal was part of the whole discussion at the budget meetings. "I think it was part of a three pronged approach which included an increase in septic fees, charging of insurance, and also $110,000 for debt out of the sewer Reserve Fund which again put some monies back into the user's domain."

Marty Campolito, also of Hilltop Drive, said she was charged close to $400 for pumping her cesspool with $156 of that sum being a dumping fee at the Upper Blackstone Sewer Treatment Plant.

Bleau again brought up the fact that town meeting voted $65,000 for the emptying of cesspools. "Something has transpired to circumvent the vote at the town meeting. I frankly don't know what is happening," he said.

Buron explained, "We have to appropriate the money (to pay for the dumping) for the Upper Blackstone Sewer Treatment plant. They bill the town directly. They will not collect from the homeowner. It was mandated that we collect the fee from the homeowner, and that goes to the general fund. We don't see that (money)."

Lachance remarked that when his tank is pumped out, the trucker charges for emptying the tank and then charges another $42 on top of that per thousand gallons for the dumping fee at the Upper Blackstone plant. "Don't they (treatment plant) send you a bill and you send a bill to the guy who hauls my sewerage up to the plant?"

Buron said, "Yes, we do."

"Then why can't you send me the bill," Lachance asked. "You're making the guy who does the hauling an agent of the town."

Buron replied, "I don't want to answer that because I'm not sure. I guess we have followed a general practice of what other communities are doing in this area. We have to hold the trucker responsible. The trucker is the one who has to pay the town. The homeowner doesn't. He turns in a slip to us for 1,000 gallons or 2,000 or whatever. We bill the trucker for every slip he turns in."

Lachance said, "He is now an agent of the Town."

"Yes, I guess he is," Buron replied.

Lachance said the initial figure for sewerage disposal in 1976-77 was approximately $8,000. "This year we are at $65,000," he noted. "That's over an 800% increase. I don't understand that as more people have been connected and don't need to use septic disposal. The more people who hooked up, the less sewer disposal we have. Why is there such a big increase from $8,000 to $65,000? Where is the equity? We (people who are not connected to town sewers) pay the taxes; we get nothing. We don't have the privilege to hook into the sewer system. I don't see why the finance committee turns around and says we have to pay the $42."

Cristo asked what, if any, tax revenue the town gets from the Upper Blackstone Sewer Treatment Plant.

Cofske said the town receives $1638 in lieu of taxes.

Hulseberg said a school is being run at the Upper Blackstone Sewerage plant, and, if a portion of that is in Millbury and they are getting rent, the town could get additional monies.

Cristo asked what the Upper Blackstone Plant would need to do if they wanted to expand their Rte. 20 facility. Hulseberg said they only would have to go the DEP for permits.

"They can bypass the town," Cristo said. "We are getting the short end of the stick. All we get from them is the smell."

Bianculli asked why septic waste can't be brought to the Millbury sewerage treatment plant on Providence Street. He also referred to a town report statement that indicates, "these and other fees including sewer fees go into the general fund."

"If these fees offset the budget of the Sewer Department by 100%," Bianculli asked, "why then are we being penalized? Why isn't the $65,000 that was appropriated being used to offset our costs? According to this report, this is a profit making operation. I congratulate the sewer commissioners on that."

Buron said that back in the 60's, "we thought we could bring septic waste to our own plant. DEQE would not accept our plans or approve our plans as the Upper Blackstone had enough capacity to take care of the whole region."

Cristo said maybe the town should look at it again.

Lachance noted that according to the goals presented by the Sewer Commissioners in 1973, one goal was to design a septic system to serve the un-sewered systems of Millbury. "In 1974," he said, "again a goal was presented to work with the consultants to design a system to work with the un-sewered in Millbury. In 1975, you entered into negotiations with the Upper Blackstone."

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By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

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Our ancestors tried to overcome this with a festival of lights and brightness. They would take an old wagon wheel and place four candles on it to represent the four seasons of the year and the turning of the earth, and decorate it with greens to represent life. Lights were placed in the windows as a symbol of warmth and welcome to all.

One night, a man looked up into the sky and saw the starts through an evergreen tree. This gave Martin Luther an idea so he went out and cut down an evergreen tree and brought it into his home and put candles on the tree to represent the stars.

When I lived in Philadelphia, I was always taken with the row houses, and this time of the year one side might be decorated with the lights of Christmas and in the windows on the other side would be a Hanukkah light. This is the Jewish celebration of when the lights went back on in their temple in Jerusalem.

Eventually, the Christian church took over our ancestor's celebration of the lights overtaking darkness and translated it into the time when Jesus, the Light of the World, came into the world to overcome the darkness.

Wouldn't this be a very dreary time of the year without all the bright lights and decorations? And what would this world be like without Jesus and the Christian Church? This is the season for children and the best way we can all get the most out of it is to follow the teachings of Jesus who told us to become as little children in order to enter into His kingdom. Merry Christmas. Amen.

DNS Honors Staff

MILLBURY - District Nursing Society staff members and volunteers were honored recently at a staff recognition dinner during National Home Health Care Week for faithful and dedicated service to their patients and the community.

Those receiving special recognition for years of service with the Society were (photo above) Judith Bunnewith, L.P.N. for 20 years, Frances Tufts, R.N., Senior Nurse for 15 years, and Homemakers Joan Letendresse, Sandra Warfield, and Theresa Wassell for 5 years. The other 60 staff members were also recognized for service from a few months to 23 years.

The entire agency staff is composed of: nurses; physical, speech occupational therapists; medical social workers; coordinators; homemakers; home health aides; senior aides; administrative and business office workers; an activities director; and a program director.

Sixteen volunteers who provide many valuable hours of work at the Society and also at the Adult Day Health Care Center were also recognized and thanked for their support.

The staff and volunteers of the District Nursing Society provide services of great benefit and importance in the home and in the community. They meet the home health care needs of all ages and make available a combination of affordable services which offers the best option for solving the health care dilemma faced by so many. These options include Home Health Care and Adult Health and Social Day Care Services of the very highest quality. The District Nursing Society is in its 79th year of providing a special way of keeping families together through both acute and long term illnesses.

Engine Co. 5 To Transport Santa Claus

MILLBURY - Engine Co. 5 of the Millbury Fire Department will be transporting Santa Claus around the Dorothy Pond area of town on Saturday, December 15th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Wheelock Avenue area. We understand that one of Santa's elves will also be on hand!

Participants Needed for Dance Marathon

MILLBURY - The Millbury Super Park Committee is looking for dancers for a Dance Marathon to be held sometime in February. For more information, call Pam Garnevich (865-4587), Evelyn Plante (865-5496, or Joe Coggans, 752-5343.

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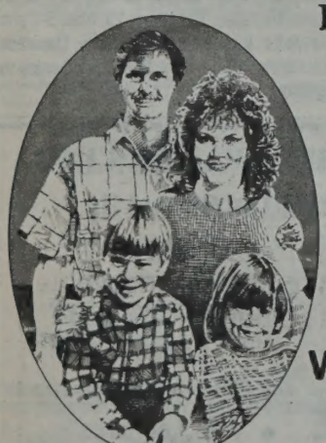

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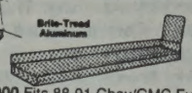

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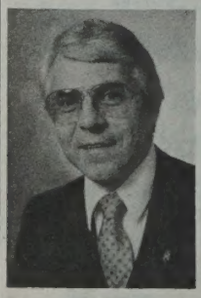

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Meeting Cancellation

MILLBURY - Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Millbury Planning Board will cancel their meeting of December 24. The next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, January 14, at the Municipal Office Building.

Pack 109 Meeting

MILLBURY - Cub Scout Pack 109 will meet Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Federated Church for the annual Christmas party. Scouts are asked to remember to bring their "Toys for Tots." Each cub scout should also bring an ornament to decorate the tree (the ornaments may be taken home that night). A surprise visitor will also be on hand this evening.

Toys for Tots

MILLBURY - Cub Scout Pack 109 will be collecting "Toys for Tots" again this year. Anyone wanting to donate may bring a new, unwrapped toy (no stuffed or battery operated toys) to the North Grafton Post Office anytime, or to the scout hall at Millbury Federated Church on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.

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Elder registration will be held on Wednesday, January 9, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sullivan Building, Room 125. You should bring a driver's license, senior citizen identification card, or a birth certificate, high school or college transcript. Since the inception of this program, eight elders have received degrees. Many of these elders are making the deans list and receiving recognition nationally in the "Who's Who" among students in the USA in colleges and universities.

MHS Winter Sports

MILLBURY - Millbury High School's Winter sports teams have begun their season. Coach Ron Dunham and the boys' basketball team return with some key players from last year's squad, including Andy Pojani, Bryant Richards, Derek Willand, Shaun Kehowski, and Mike Luby.

Coach Terry Bernard returns for his 13th season as the boys' junior varsity coach, and Randy Mogren Sr. enters his first season as the freshman coach after many years as a coach of youth basketball.

The girls' basketball team, coached by Bob Nicoletti, is very young, with only one senior, Kris Jones, and one junior, Jodi Sulham. Coach Paula Johnson will serve as the junior varsity coach and her squad is made up mostly of 8th graders.

Coaches Dave Wilbur and Frank Morrill saw many of last year's experienced indoor track team graduate, but 93 students came out for the team this season.

Tickets for all night home games will be $2 for adults, $1 for students over 10, and senior citizens and children under 10 will be admitted free of charge. Season basketball tickets will be on sale at the first two home games for $15 each and a family package ticket will be $25. Season and family tickets do not cover tournament games.

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December 20 at St. Bernard's
December 28 at Shepherd Hill

INDOOR TRACK
December 22 at South vs. Turner's Falls (noon)
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All boys' and girls' basketball games at the high school. Boys' start at 6:00, girls at 3:15 unless noted. All freshman games at the R.E. Shaw School at 3:15.

Millbury V.F.W. To Hold Clothing Drive for Homeless

MILLBURY - The Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post 3329 and the Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a clothes drive to benefit the Salvation Army "Warm Up" program for the homeless at 640 Main Street, Worcester.

This program is held during the winter months. it gives the homeless a place to go during the day to warm up, take a shower and have something to eat. They are also given good, clean, warm used clothing, that people have donated. This program is in need of any good used clothing, but especially men's coats, jackets, boots, and shoes.

The clothing drive will be held at the V.F.W. Post hall, 16 South Main Street, Millbury. Bring your donations to the hall, which is in the rear of the building, on Tuesday, December 18, 1990 between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m.

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THURSDAY: Juice, Ravioli/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Cake
FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza Pockets, French Fries, Ice Cream

C.O.A. Sing-A-Long

MILLBURY - The Millbury Council on Aging Sing-A-Long Singers will perform for the Christmas Holidays at the following locations: Thursday, December 13, from 5-7 p.m. at the Greendale Mall in Worcester; Wednesday, December 19, from 5-7 p.m. at the Auburn Mall. Stop by and enjoy the sounds of the season.

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Board Discusses Manchaug Sewer System

By Lawrence Moore

SUTTON - At a joint meeting on December 4, in the Douglas Town Hall, Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners from Sutton and Douglas and the Superintendent of the Douglas Treatment Plant discussed the reactivation of a plan for the hookup of a Manchaug sewer system to Douglas, originally proposed in 1972.

Douglas Selectman Ed Martinsen, who had been on the original research committee, presented a history of the then proposed cooperative plan. Between Federal and State grants, 90% of the funding was available. Plans were drawn in 1972 to include Manchaug in the system, and a transmission line was built, ending in a manhole on the Douglas side of the Mumford River. A pumping station was planned to handle Manchaug sewerage.

One basis for the grants was the two-town usage of the plant. The plant was built for expansion and currently has a capacity of 180,000 gallons per day. It is presently operating at 156,000 gallons per day, or 87% of capacity. Unperceived development and illegal use of sump pumps have pushed gallonage over expectations.

No official meetings and no Sutton tie-in plans were ever recorded. Selectman Wallace Johnson is the only Sutton official who was involved in the planning stages in 1972-73. He recalled that when Sutton was "ready to tie-in," the Town would hook up.

Sutton Town Administrator Dexter Blois explained that in 1985, $160,000 was appropriated to design a Manchaug system. The plan is now 99% complete, except for the location of the pumping station. Sutton being "ready," Blois talked to Martinsen to see if any plans or agreements were on file in Douglas, there being none in Sutton.

Blois said the temporary nature of the Village septic system make it urgent for plans to tie in to proceed. An initial flow of 20,000 gallons a day is estimated, and 50,000 gallons a day is forecast as Manchaug grows. It was noted that plant revisions would be needed to accept Sutton sewage.

"In view of the present economy," Johnson said, "I can't see this coming about for perhaps five years. In that five years, you're definitely not going to be up to capacity. What we want is to be assured that the option established in 1972 stays open so that we can plan."

Douglas representatives acknowledged and accepted Sutton's proposed tie in. Both towns will work together on a formal intermunicipal agreement to design, finance and construct the necessary facilities. The two Town committees will work with the consultant, Morganroth, to get the project rolling and to prepare the agreement to be presented at town meetings.

Sutton Sewer Commissioner Richard Ezold brought up the possibility of getting developers to help with the expansion for the plant needed to service their added growth. The need to be stronger in dealing with developers was stressed by both towns. Douglas Sewer Commission Chairman Joseph Saster told of success with one such plan when a developer agreed to pay for water supply improvements to support his project.

Johnson said he had "high hopes" that when this thing becomes reality some of the homes around Manchaug Pond will be hooked up to decrease water pollution.

Sutton Selectman Rick LaBonte commented that both Douglas and Sutton are expanding. "It will be cheaper for government and the taxpayer if we work together and get an intermunicipal agreement in place," he said.

Blois cautioned that planning boards in both towns should scrutinize major projects carefully, since the now abandoned Edgerton project in South Sutton proposed to hook sewerage into Douglas but never informed either town of their plan.

A date for a planning meeting will be set up by Blois and Saster. Blois is probing sources of finance to move the project along.

"M" Route

Blois reported that he received a letter from the State DPW regarding drainage problems along the reconstruction of the "M" route resurfacing of Singletary Avenue and Boston Road. These will be settled between the state and abutters. LaBonte suggested that the safety hazards of water and/or ice accumulation be reported to Representative Moore and Senator Elect Amorello, with requests that they follow up to make sure the danger is eliminated.

In another matter dealing with the "M" route at Singletary Avenue at Boston Road, the contractor suggested moving the old watering trough in the intersection to a safe location. Johnson protested that the trough and its supply pipes are part of town history and tradition. After discussion, the board agreed to relocate the trough nearer to the corner of the library parking lot and to landscape it appropriately.

Miscellaneous

- A private road in Woodburyville will be plowed by the owners, who will have to notify police and fire departments of their plans.
- The committee assigned to study parking at the town hall has not made a recommendation. LaBonte called attention to parking that blocks the passage of fire trucks.
- Chizy suggested the enforcement of parking rules at Sutton Square, the repainting of parking lanes, and the assignment of handicapped spaces. The problem of the bank's drive-in lanes was also discussed, but no practical solution was offered.
- LaBonte reported that a 75x100 skating rink behind the Manchaug Library was assembled by volunteers in three and one half hours. It will be filled by water pumped from a brook by the Fire Department.
- A hearing was set for January 8 on three alleged liquor law violations: two for the Manchaug Legion Post and one for the Blue Jay. Police Chief William Baker requested the public hearing.
- A generic, tri-party agreement between the town, developers and banks is being prepared to provide security for subdivision development performance. According to Blois, if approved, developers would be required "to use this or nothing."
- The hiring policy for Patrolmen, Sergeants and Lieutenants was presented by Chief Baker for discussion by the board. It was decided that each member would review and seek clarification where needed from the chief, and then review the policy in detail at a workshop meeting.
- Mary K. Connor, board chairwoman, brought up the requirements of the "Pork Chop" bylaw. Much time and money is spent by owners and the town in reviewing single family home development plans subject to subdivision bylaws because of a lack of frontage. It was agreed to ask the Town Planner to work with the Planning Board on a proposal.

Camp Marion

Blois submitted his response to the Recreation Commission's memo of September 24 concerning work to be done to prepare the beach at Camp marion to open in1991.

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- Tree Warden Jack Perry and Highway Superintendent Ray Smith will be asked to clear brush, cut trees, and prepare the beach.
- The Recreation Committee will develop a plan to make the parking lot usable, arrange for phone and electricity, and prepare a plan for heavy equipment work.
- Waterfront owners have been notified of dock availability. Docks will be destroyed if there are no takers.
- A portable phone and "port-a-john" are recommended for 1991.
- Problems regarding existing structures at the site will be dealt with later.

Public Forum

Janice Whittier expressed concern about the amount of work being done by the Highway Department at Marion's Camp. "I'm not against the work being done," Whittier said, "but isn't that taking money out of the Highway Budget for Marion's Camp?"

She questioned the work being done because the town meeting had approved a departmental budget and seemingly without authority, it was being changed.

LaBonte replied that the Highway Department frequently assists other town departments. He cited the erection of the Manchaug skating rink where volunteer efforts were supplemented by the delivery of sand by a highway department truck.

"I don't think we've properly funded the Highway Department for a number of years," LaBonte said. "While these jobs cost the town much less money than hiring outside contractors, it does take time from road work."

LaBonte complimented the Highway Department on their performance, citing Lincoln Road as an example. He suggested that the highway department budget be increased to provide these "extras."

"If you give more money to the Highway Department," Johnson asked, "who do you take it from?"

Selectman Dave Strieby recalled that when the town sought to buy Marion's Camp, one of the rationales given was that the Highway Department could assist in the rehabilitation.

Johnson recalled that the projection on Marion's Camp was, "when it got started, it would at least pay its own way."

Selectman Mike Chizy noted that the whole Highway Department is not working at Marion's Camp. "It's only what Ray Smith can spare at the time," he said.

"The Recreation Committee openly said they would need help to sand, clean and set up parking, Strieby said. "We agreed we would not raise the Recreation budget. That's the way it was sold: give it a little help until it was self-supporting."

Whittier again stated that "money allocated should be spent properly."

OLD BUSINESS

- Mary King was appointed as a Sutton Representative to the Elder Bus Board of Directors.
- Johnson agreed with Blois that trying to patch the town barn roof was fruitless. The roof needs replacing in its entirety.
- Johnson called attention to drainage problems at the intersection of Dudley Road and Boston Road near the soccer field. Attention was also called to bad drainage causing puddling and potential freezing on Putnam Hill Road near the school complex.
- Johnson questioned the delay in providing recycling bins at the landfill. Blois said there is a possibility of a grant if the town is willing to wait 30 more days. The board agreed to wait and save the expense of renting containers.
- Chizy brought up a liquor license that was originally awarded to Jack Virgilio to be used for a projected restaurant facility at the Burnap Industrial Park on Rte. 146. A hearing will be held within 30 days.
- The Selectmen have decided to hold regular formal meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month and to hold workshop sessions on the second and fourth Tuesday, subject to holiday and calendar exceptions.

Word Processing

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library will offer a basic word processing course for students in grades three and up on Thursday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Students will learn basic word processing skills using the library's Apple IIE computer and Bank Street Writer software. Students wishing to attend must have taken the library's Compu-View course that is given periodically throughout the year. Call 865-1181 for registration and information.

Four Roll 300 and Over

Again, four bowlers rolled 300 and over. Gail Higginbottom, a 314 with strings of 102-101-111; Becky Rushton, 310 with strings of 99-117-94; Pat Gaspar, 308 with strings of 110-95-103; and Ann Coons, an even 300 with strings of 95-107-98. Mary Jo Boire rolled the high single, a 120.

Rolling 100 and over were: Gail Higginbottom, 111-102-101; Pat Gaspar, 110-103; Charlotte Gabree, 102-101; Mary Jo Boire, 120; Becky Rushton, 117; Marion Hamilton, 110; Dot Jacques, 108; Kathy Marble, 108; and Ann Coons, 107.

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BMW's	69	35
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ROLLS	36	38

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Pat Gaspar - 104.1
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High Triple
Pat Gaspar - 348
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Ellie Gosselin - 149
Pat Gaspar - 134
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Buron replied, "We were told we couldn't do that (upgrade our own plant). We don't have free reign here."

Lachance asked, "You had two years to come up with a design, then they tell you, you can't use that design?"

"Yes, that's right," Buron replied.

Cristo then remarked, "Joe Bianculli sums it up when he says he doesn't mind the expense of the sewerage, but if you have no shot of ever getting it, and you have been paying for it all along, you don't want to be paying exorbitant fees for the dumping. There has to be a more equitable way between those who receive sewer services and those who don't and what they pay."

Buron said that Bianculli was right when he stated that back 15 years ago the philosophy was that the town would pick up the service fee for those who do not have use of the sewer lines. "We did that up to May or July of this year. That's when it changed."

Prue told Lachance that in 1975 the Upper Blackstone Plant came on line. "If the Upper Blackstone hadn't come on line," he said, "we would have that facility (dumping at the Millbury plant). We are governed by the state and federal government. We were shot down."

Bianculli again asked why un-sewered people are asked to continue to pay if 100% return is made to the town for sewer services.

Buron said the 100% only pertained to maintenance and operational costs of the plant.

Bianculli asked where the $65,000 appropriated at the May town meeting is now.

Buron replied, "We have to pay those bills to Upper Blackstone for dumping. The Upper Blackstone will not work with anyone else; they will only deal with the town. We in turn deal with the trucker who hauls from your homes, and he then reimburses the town that amount of money."

Buron said that money then goes back into the General Fund. "We get a slip from Upper Blackstone. We verify that," he said. "Generally we call every home as to amount of gallons (they had pumped out). Not all homeowners know gallonage. We then bill the trucker as he has already calculated money from the homeowner for dumping at the Upper Blackstone. That supposedly subsidizes the budget. That's what we were mandated to do back at the budget hearings last Spring."

"What particular group mandated you to do something that changed the way it was done," Bianculli asked.

"This was the way we were told we could help as there was no way the town could financially meet its budget restraints," Buron replied.

"There is $65,000 in the budget," Bianculli said. "This is why it is getting so confusing."

Buron replied, "It eventually washes itself as time goes on."

Cristo asked Finance Committee Chairman Tom Clawson to explain.

"We had to appropriate a certain amount of money at the town meeting, in this case $65,000," Clawson said. "As these monies come in (monies paid by cesspools owners to have their sewerage dumped), they go into the general fund, not the sewer account. It (the $65,000) is used to offset total appropriations. When we appropriated the $65,000 we were also estimating receipts of $65,000 from the townspeople."

Bianculli noted that the year before, $45,000 was appropriated and an additional $8,000 was spent, requiring a transfer of funds. "This year $65,000 was appropriated as the fees were changed from $35 per thousand gallons to $42 per 1,000 gallons," he said. "The only difference I can see is you raised $65,000 this year, then you (the Finance Committee) mandated him (the sewer commission) to charge the user. The appropriation of $65,000 gives the impression that will pay for taking care of dumping from my cesspool, but then the money is diverted back to the general fund which is a 'kitty'. That's what it amounts to, and this lady here owed almost $200 to have her cesspool pumped. Jesse James was a piker as far as I'm concerned."

Bianculli said he was concerned about not being treated fairly. "We here and others have paid the 20 year bond off 100%. Now you are charging us "X" amount of dollars for sewerage dumping." Bianculli then polled the sewer commissions on whether or not they are hooked up to a sewer line. All commissioners, Buron, Prue and Gary Nelson, said they were.

Lachance said that taxes are part and parcel of payment of services rendered, and called the septic dumping fee a tax upon a tax. "When I voted for that $65,000 I voted for that to be in the tax rate. When I have 2,000 gallons pumped out I am asked to pay out now an additional $78. That's a tax upon a tax."

"I disagree with you in some respects," Buron said. "You were a party to those (budget) meetings. If you remember correctly, the Sewer department is the only one with insurance costs included in its budget. The only board that pays rent for office space. The only board that's paying for electricity in the town hall because of proposals that were put forth by all members of this group here. There is no doubt in my mind that this department has not been dealt with equally as compared to other boards."

"I'm not picking on you," Lachance said. "The people who have septic systems are, under this method, paying a second tax."

Cristo said it sounds like some customers are being taken advantage of. He suggested that with the concerns raised about the cesspool fees they should look at ways of evening things out. "We will have to collectively reassess this going into fiscal year 1992."

Cristo also said that, based upon tonight's discussion on Phase IV, he didn't think the project would be doable now because of the fiscal environment. "I don't want to sound pessimistic," he said, "but I'd be shocked if we come anywhere near coming up with the amount of money needed."

Bleau then said, "I for one at the town meeting voted for this $65,000. I thought then I knew what it was for. Evidently I didn't know what it was for. Why does it have to stay this way for the rest of the fiscal year?"

"If it is not to stay this way for the rest of this fiscal year," Buron asked, "do you go back and reimburse the homeowners?"

"I would think so," Bleau said. "We voted that money for that budget."

Cristo asked Clawson about the $65,000 that was appropriated.

Clawson replied, "It is part of the estimated receipts that are used to set the tax rate. That $65,000 will reduce the tax rate."

Cristo noted the town now charges the sewer commission for things like insurance. "Correct?" he asked.

Clawson replied, "That is to go into the sewer usage fee for people who are sewered." He also said this was part of the same discussion when all fees were discussed.

"I don't have any recollection of the septic part," Cristo said. "I may not have been at that meeting. Other members of the board don't recall it as well."

Town Auditor Roger Picard then remarked, "I'm wondering who was involved at that meeting. It has been said here a couple of times that the $65,000 was raised and that it was used in estimating receipts to reduce the tax rate. Therefore, basically it (the $65,000) is not needed." Picard said he didn't know that the people were being charged and that the money was being used as receipts to reduce the tax rate.

Cristo remarked that maybe those people who had their cesspools pumped this year would be eligible for a Christmas present in the form of a rebate.

Prue said that pumping was down 50% this year when people found out they had to pay for dumping the sewerage at the treatment plant. "Those who have problems will be pumping two or three times a year. If the $65,000 is used to pay for pumping out their cesspools, you'll go over budget."

Prue said the whole question of pumping fees shouldn't even have come up tonight, and should be addressed at the next town meeting.

Bleau then asked, "What's going to happen to the $65,000?"

Picard said the $65,000 would show up at the end of the fiscal year as free cash if it is not used.

Another meeting on the Phase IV project will be held in January.

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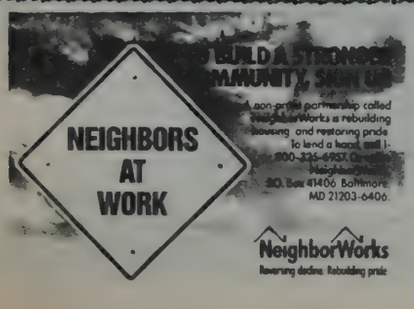

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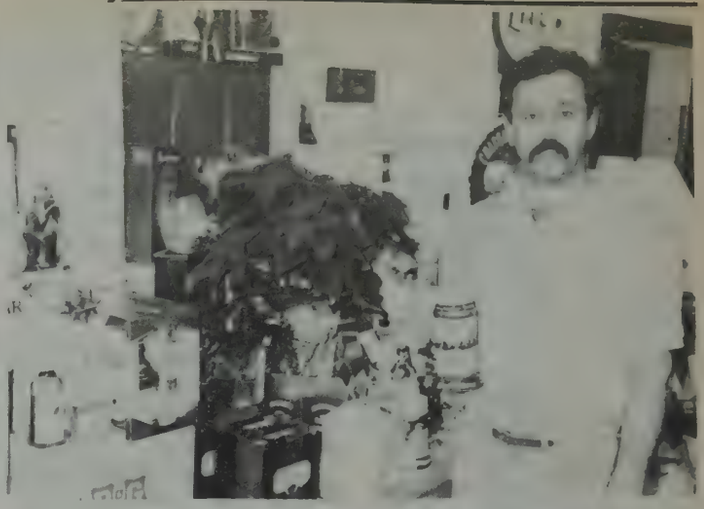

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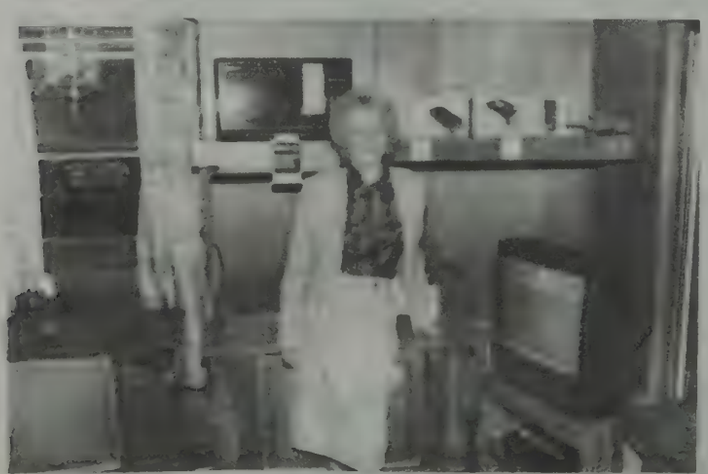

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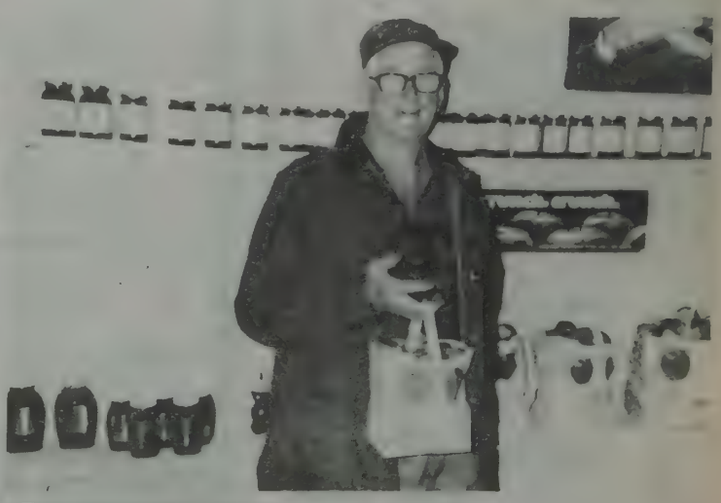

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sell from a buyer who is under no compulsion to buy," he said. "They will not compensate for any increase in value which could occur after the land has been taken. Dreams, hopes, expectations that have been lost as a result of the taking will not be compensated by the state. Sometimes it seems very unfair," he said, "but Fair Market Value is the only formula for compensation."

Sbrogna said that the state will also compensate for any severance damages that occur from a partial taking of property or for damage that results from the project. He explained that if a portion of a person's property is taken or a loss of access occurs or, for example, water damage results from a change in the land's profile, the resident can take the state to court and argue that they haven't been compensated properly. If the state takes only a portion of someone's property, and they feel that the effects are detrimental, they can seek some solution in the courts.

Sbrogna did say that businesses cannot expect to be compensated for loss of business. He said the state looks at business as being speculative and consequently will compensate only for Fair Market value of the property and not for loss of business which results from a change in the character of the business' location.

Sbrogna said the state will have appraisers place a value on the property to be taken. However, the homeowner or businessman can have their own independent appraiser establish the value of their property and are always free to seek legal advice from authorities in the field before or during the process. He emphasized that if a person is not satisfied with the state's offer, they need not accept it, but if they sign a release, they may be precluded from seeking any further legal action. Sbrogna advises caution when considering the state's offer.

When asked if the resident must shoulder the expense of the attorney himself should they elect to seek legal advice, Sbrogna noted that many attorneys work on a contingency basis, establishing their fee on a percentage of the amount above what the state offered for the property. Thus a resident would have the assurance of receiving no less than the amount which the state has offered.

Although residents should begin to follow the developments closely, they need not become alarmed or consult with an attorney now. He said the state will give the resident 120 days to vacate, and might even help in the relocation process. However, he did say that it is wise for a person whose property is being taken to find out all of the rights to which they are entitled and exhaust them.

According to Thomas Hession, DPW Project Manager, the next public hearing on the Rt. 146/ Rt. 20/ Mass. Pike interchange and connectors is planned for March of 1992. The state then expects that filing for various permits and land taking will take approximately three years after that date.

Individuals Sought for Ad Hoc Committee

MILLBURY - The Millbury Planning Board, at Egerton Development Corporation's request, is seeking individuals to serve on an ad hoc committee for the future land use of property located at 310-316 Millbury Avenue known as "Dauphinais' Quarry."

Any interested individual should contact David A. Hulseberg, Town Planner, at 865-4754 during regular business hours.

Transfer Station Holiday Closing

MILLBURY - The Millbury Transfer Station will close at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 22 and will re-open on Wednesday, December 26, at 7:00 a.m. It will also close at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 29, and re-open on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:00 a.m.

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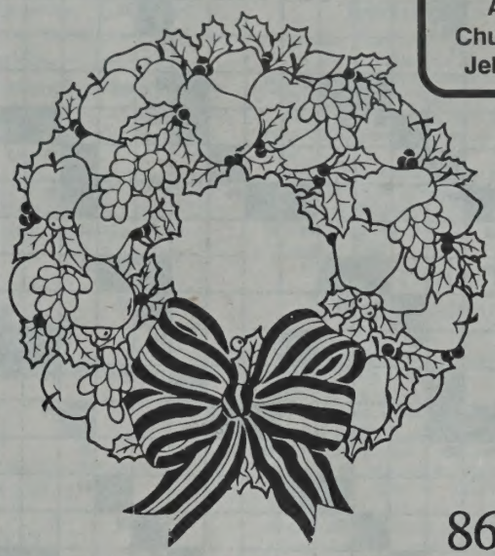

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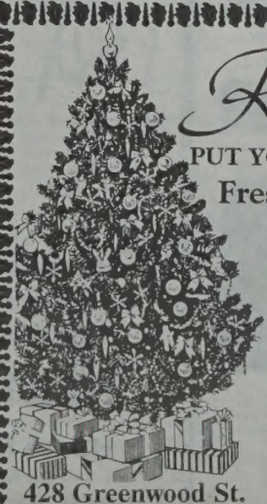

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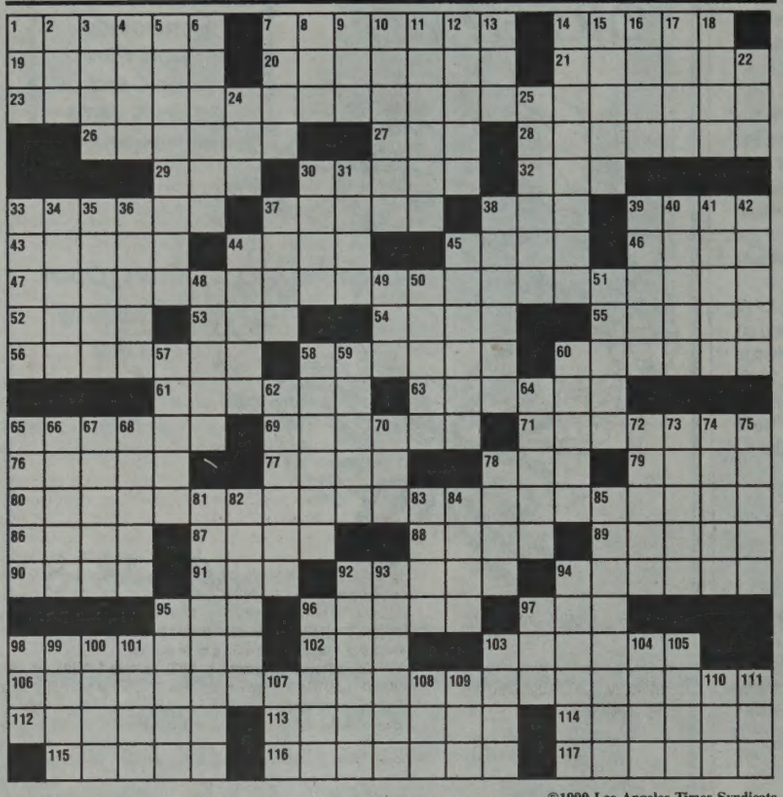

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ACROSS

1 Shostakovich
7 Fleets of warships
14 Mississippi or Moon
19 Love not wisely but too well
20 Memorable Irving and Ellin
21 Flyer Earhart
23 Start of a seasonal verse
26 Off the beaten path
27 Sci-fi craft
28 Meatball in pastry
29 Beseech
30 "Barnaby Jones" portrayer
32 "But — for Me": Gershwin ditty
33 Uplifted
37 "Oklahoma" aunt
38 Before Diego
39 Actor James of "Brian's Song"
43 Year, in Ypres
44 "Coffee, Tea —?"
45 Blue Nile source lake
46 Mrs. Mahler
47 More of verse
52 Malt derivatives
53 Sault — Marie
54 Utah ski resort
55 Midwest airport
56 Sample again
58 Largest New World cat
60 Given a nap, as leather
61 Check
63 Producer/director Stanley
65 Tabby treat
69 Miss Dinsmore's namesakes
71 Storage place for weapons
76 Biting to the taste
77 Schubert song
78 1006, to Caesar
79 Drury or Abbe
80 More of verse
86 Bivouac shelter
87 Bishoprics
88 Algerian seaport
89 — a time
90 Small whirlpool
91 Baseball's Ron "the Penguin"
92 Summer ermine
94 Gliding dance step
95 He made the pants too long
96 Pepys product
97 Stan, "the —" Musial
98 Printing system for the blind
102 Business letter abbr.
103 "A loose —"
106 End of verse
112 Certain hound
113 Author-editor Schwartz
114 Nabokov title
115 Winner's gain
116 "I — Jeannie..."
117 Januarys, in Madrid

DOWN

1 Insecticide initials
2 Foxhunting V.I.P.
3 Virginia willow
4 Two-year-old sheep
5 Popular soft drink
6 Hereditary
7 In a competent way
8 Arikara
9 "— Miniver"
10 "— in the locks...": Tennyson
11 Disagree
12 Chekhov
13 "Be quiet!"
14 Sane
15 "— down to the seas...": Masefield
16 — libre: unrhymed poetry
17 Town on the Humboldt
18 Cambodian currency
22 Certain vote
24 Catch
25 Verdi opera
30 Sailor's saint
31 Cordon —
33 M*A*S*H role
34 Old-womanish
35 Map feature
36 — precedent
37 Gaelic
38 Wing-shaped maple pod
39 Treasure stash
40 Have — on
41 Dean Martin's "That's —"
42 In the buff
44 Path lead-in
45 Genghis Khan's horde
48 Prevent, legally
49 Scott Joplin opus
50 Lucky accident or fish
51 Brief letter sign-off
57 Plea to Kelly
58 Groucho's real name
59 Altar areas
60 Printing stroke
62 Actress Linda of "Lou Grant"
64 Expert
65 Social category
66 Yearned
67 Gallup concern
68 Neat
70 Wedding response
72 TV's Verdugo
73 Nostrils
74 Singer Paul's family
75 Luzon's neighbor
78 Vegetarian's no-no
81 Increase in intensity
82 Considered
83 King Hussein's wife
84 Donkey's laugh
85 —-the-spot
92 Currency unit
93 Puget Sound city
94 "Bell, Book and —"
95 Smooth and glossy
96 Yield respectfully
97 Murray or West
98 Lobster-eater's protection
99 Cousins of DNAs
100 Helper: Abbr.
101 "— boy!"
103 Musical symbol
104 Make eyes at
105 Stendhal's "Le Rouge et le —"
107 Certain "Fellow"
108 USAF crew member
109 Sibling of Sis
110 Western Indian
111 Dutch cupboard

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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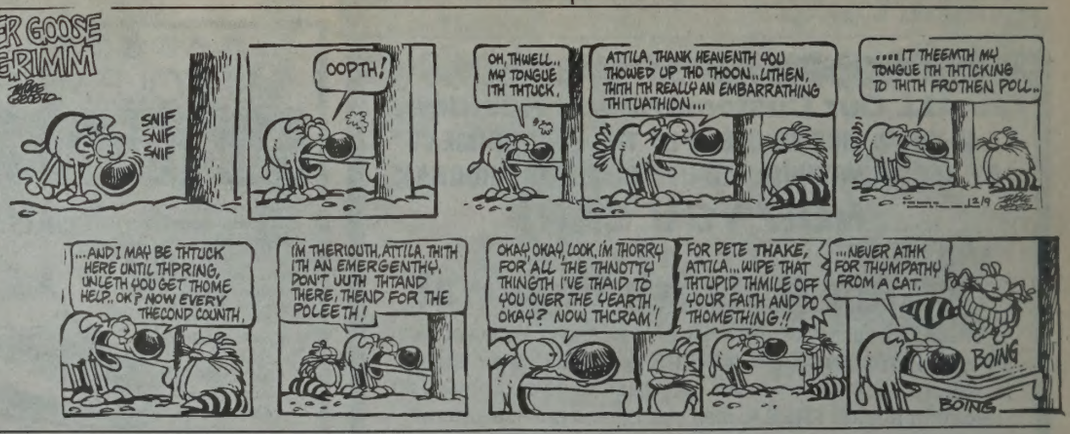
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM
BY MIKE GROSS
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OOPTH!
OH, THWELL.. MY TONGUE ITH THTUCK.
ATTILA, THANK HEAVENITH YOU THOWED UP THO THOON.. LITHEN, THITH ITH REALLY AN EMBARRATHING THITUATHION...
.....IT THEEMTH MY TONGUE ITH THTICKING TO THITH FROTHEN POLL..
...AND I MAY BE THTUCK HERE UNTIL THPRING, UNLETH YOU GET THOME HELP, OK? NOW EVERY THECOND COUNTH.
I'M THERIOUTH, ATTILA, THITH ITH AN EMERGENTHY, DON'T JUTH THTAND THERE, THEND FOR THE POLEETH!
OKAY, OKAY, LOOK, I'M THORRY FOR ALL THE THNOTTY THINGTH I'VE THAID TO YOU OVER THE YEARTH, OKAY? NOW THCRAM!
FOR PETE THAKE, ATTILA... WIPE THAT THTUPID THMILE OFF YOUR FAITH AND DO THOMETHING!!
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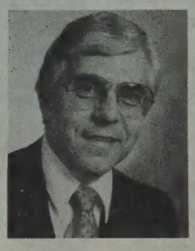

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Massachusetts for us to allow them to forget. Newly elected representatives and senators, and reelected conservatives, have filed legislation for the next session. The "old guard" still has a majority. Unless they know that we're watching their every vote, they will 'snow' us as they have in the past. If we have any hope of reform, we must keep up the pressure, as difficult and tiresome as it may be. Write, call, visit Boston, become an activist among your family, your friends, your clubs and your towns.

I shudder to think what will happen to our State if the reform movement is allowed to die. It must not happen. Here we go again! Let's keep going this time until we win!

Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

SUTTON - Santa will be at the Manchaug Library from 5 p.m. today to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 16.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

SUTTON - Santa will be at the Manchaug Library until 5 p.m. Sunday.

MILLBURY - Engine Co. 5 of the Millbury Fire Department will be transporting Santa Claus around the Dorothy Pond area of town beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Wheelock Avenue area.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

SUTTON - Santa will be at the Manchaug Library until 5 p.m. Carolers from St. Anne's CYC will perform from 3-5.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

MILLBURY - The Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post 3329, 16 South Main Street, and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a clothes drive today to benefit the Salvation Army "Warm Up" program for the homeless.

Bring your donations to the hall in the rear of the building between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

MILLBURY - Cub Scout Pack 109 will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Federated Church for the annual Christmas party.

MILLBURY - Blood pressure clinic at Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, 1-2 p.m.

AUBURN - The Millbury Council on Aging Sing-A-Long Singers will perform from 5-7 p.m. at the Auburn Mall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

MILLBURY - Blood pressure clinic at Centerview Apartments (residents only) from 1-2 p.m

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Town of Millbury
Invitation to Bid

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Millbury invites sealed bids for the printing, binding, and delivery of the Annual Town Report. Specifications may be obtained at the Selectmen's Office, Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, Massachusetts.

Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, January 4, 1991, at which time they will be opened and publicly read in the Selectmen's Office.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town of Millbury to do so.

Jude T. Cristo, Chairman
Millbury Board of Selectmen
December 13, 1990

Town of Millbury
Winter Parking Regulations

Effective December 1, 1990 to April 1, 1990, no person shall park a vehicle on the following streets, or parts of streets, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day: Beach St., Braney Road, Burbank St. (no parking from the Sutton-Millbury Town line to a point 110 feet south of Burbank Street's intersection with West Main Street), Canal St., Church St., Curve St., Dolan Rd., Elm St., Elmwood St., Grove St., Hamilton St., Highland St., Howe Ave., Leslie Lane, Main St., Maple St., Memorial Dr., Wheelock Ave., Miles St., Rhodes St., South Main St., Stowe Rd., Sullivan Place, Summer St., Sunset Dr., Sycamore St. (no parking on the southerly side), Water St., West St., West Main St. (exception: parking is allowed on the westerly (even) side from Gould St. to Rhodes St.)

Also effective December 1, 1990 to April 1, 1991, no person shall park a vehicle on the odd numbered side of any street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

Also effective December 1, 1990, to April 1, 1991, no person shall park a vehicle upon any street after 2" of snow has accumulated.

The established fine for parking on a primary artery during the Winter Parking Ban is $10.00 for each offense; for parking on a secondary artery is $5.00 for each offense; for interfering with snow removal or for parking after 2" of snow is $15.00 for each offense.

As provided by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 18, the Board of Selectmen has voted, upon the written request of the Tiffany Townhouse Association, Inc., that no person shall park a vehicle on Tiffany Circle, except in marked spaces, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day, effective December 1, 1990 to April 1, 1991.

Millbury Board of Selectmen
November 29, December 6, 13

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ST. BRIGID'S - MILLBURY: Rev. Thomas J. Markey, Pastor; Rev. Laurence V. Brault, Associate Pastor - Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Confessions: Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. ANNE'S - MANCHAUG: Weekday Masses: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.; Friday at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Baptisms by appointment.

ST. MARK'S - SUTTON: Rev. John E. Horgan, Pastor - Weekday Masses: 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Masses: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Confessions: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C, MILLBURY: Rev. Jane Haley, 865-9737; Sundays: Church School at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m. Child care is available, fellowship time follows worship. Come join us! Youth group (7-12 grade) every Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Diaconate - First Thursday; Executive Committee - first Monday. Please inquire about Women's Fellowship meetings and events.

MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, United Methodist Church - Rev. Charles Mansfield, Interim Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship and Childcare; 10:15 a.m., Church School; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: The Rev. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

MILLBURY BAPTIST (American Baptist): The Rev. H. Raeburn Cameron, Pastor; Mr. Charles H. King, Minister of Music. Sunday School - Nursery through Adults at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. (nursery provided); Communion Sunday, first Sunday of the month. Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m., Discovery Group meets for Bible study; Thursdays, Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL (United Church of Christ): Mr. Raymond Mars, Pastor; Miss Elfreida Klaucke, Organist - Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse; Crib Room Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. as announced; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. PROGRAMS: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS, 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. April-Nov. Sunday School stops after June 9, Children's Day.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN, 200 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA, Telephone: 756-6620: George G. Kinney, D.Min., Pastor; Family Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Educational Hour, 10 a.m.; Communion on First Sunday of the month and Festival Sundays; nursery provided.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 53 N. Main St., N. Grafton, 839-3453; Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Sullivan. Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 88 Main St., South Grafton. Member-Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. Howard C. DeVries, Pastor; Austin McLaughlin, Organist and Music Director. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening Service of Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal.

HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Rev. Cliff Larson, 865-1006: meeting in the former Center School, corner of Elm and Waters Street, Millbury. Non-denominational, Spirit led services. SUNDAY: coffee and donuts at 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Sunday School for ages 3-12 during Sunday morning message); Revival Service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Bible Study. Nursery provided for all services.

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By Rosemary Waltos

A Gift of Books

"I live in gratitude to my parents for initiating me - and as early as I begged for it, without keeping me waiting - into knowledge of the word, into reading...." - **Eudora Welty, *One Writer's Beginnings* (1984)**

The following was compiled by Elaine Loehmann, Children's Librarian and Rosemary Waltos, Adult/Young Adult Librarian

HOLIDAY BOOKS

HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman ($14.95). Hyman is one of my favorite illustrators and you'll see why. The goblins are wonderfully scary as they attempt to prevent Hershel from lighting the Hanukkah candles, but, of course, our hero outwits them in the end. (Grades K-3).

THE CHRISTMAS SKY by Franklyn M. Branley, rev. ed. illustrated by Stephen Fieser ($14.95). A fascinating book which asks what might have caused the star the Wise Men followed to Bethlehem. The glowing illustrations complement the text and make this not only a seasonal but year-round prize. (Grades 2-6)

FICTION

LON PO PO: A RED RIDING HOOD STORY FROM CHINA translated by Ed Young, $14.95. This Caldecott Award Book is indeed a winner. The gorgeous and dramatic art work illustrates the story of how three young children left home alone and cleverly outwitted the wolf. (grades K-4)

FUDGE-A-MANIA by Judy Blume ($12.95). Attention all Judy Blume fans, "Fudge" is back! He and his family are sharing a vacation house with Sheila Tubman, otherwise known as Sheila the Great, and her family. This is pure "Blume-a-mania." (Grades 4-7)

NONFICTION

BIG BOOK OF PEACE, ed. by Ann Duvell ($15.95). The stories, poems and art work in this anthology were contributed by such well known authors and illustrators as Maurice Sendak and Lloyd Alexander. There is something for everyone in this handsome book. All proceeds from this book go to organizations working for peace. (grades K-4)

SOMETHING BIG HAS BEEN HERE by Jack Prelutsk, illustrated by James Stevenson ($14.95). The author of ***THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK*** has done it again with his newest offering of poetry for children. The poems are short and snappy with comical illustrations. Included is some serious work too: "I am Tired of Being Little," "Don't Yell at Me," and "I Should Have Stayed in Bed Today." (all ages)

BOOKS FOR OLDER KIDS

SWEET VALLEY HIGH SERIES by Kate Williams, created by Francine Pascal ($2.95 each). If you want to know what young girls on the edge of their teen years want to read, it's probably the latest in the ***SWEET VALLEY HIGH*** series. Other popular preteen and young teen sets are the ***SUGAR AND SPICE, BABY-SITTERS CLUB*** and ***ROOMMATES*** series.

TROLLEY TO YESTERDAY by John Bellairs ($12.95). Johnny, Fergie, and Professor Childermass ride an old trolley back in time and find themselves in spine-tingling adventures. (grades 4-7)

PEACE AND WAR: A COLLECTION OF POEMS ed. Michael Harrison $17.95). Poems that tell the burning truth about the slaughter, muddle and loss of war. (gr. 8 and up)

JACOB'S LADDER by Alan Collins. All the reviewers agree that this story, set in 1940's Australia, is a coming-of-age-story that is both "moving and memorable." (gr. 7 & up)

THE PRYDAIN CHRONICLES

THE WESTMARK TRILOGY by Lloyd Alexander ($3.50 each). These are two science fiction and fantasy series written by an award winning author. The first, a five part fantasy series that takes place in the peaceful Kingdom of Prydain, is drawn from Welsh legend and universal mythology. ***THE WESTMARK TRILOGY*** is Alexander's trilogy chronicling the high adventures in the Kingdom of Westmark. (gr. 7 and up)

PEOPLE LIKE US by Barbara Cohen ($3.95). Once again the age-old problem of opposition to tradition surfaces, this time when Dinah Adler dates someone who is not Jewish. This is a compelling look into the fabric of family loyalty. This book also provides insights into Jewish family customs and concerns. (grades 7 and up)

THE GIRL WHO INVENTED ROMANCE by Caroline B. Cooney ($3.95). Reluctant readers will enjoy this funny and thought provoking story about what happens when two girls decide to stop playing the game of romance when they set out in search of the real thing. (grades 7 and up)

THE YEAR WITHOUT MICHAEL by Susan Beth Pfeffer ($2.95). Someplace between home and the ballpark, Michael disappeared. This novel, an award winning book of librarians and teachers, is a powerful story about the agony of a family. (gr. 6 & up)

A BEGONIA FOR MISS APPLEBAUM by Paul Zindel ($3.50). Zindel manages to weave humor and suspense together again in his latest book to create another teen bestseller. This is the story about the unforgettable Miss Applebaum for whom science is magic, charity is a way of life, and Central Park is heaven on earth. (gr. 7 and up)

THEY DON'T WASH THEIR SOCKS! SPORTS SUPERSTITIONS by Kathlyn Gay. Have you ever wondered about the quirky and sometimes bizarre behavior of coaches, athletes and teams? Why does Wayne Gretsky only tuck his shirts into the right side of his pants? Why are horseshoes lucky? Why do athletes think it is unlucky to wash their socks? Find out the reasons why in this compendium of sports myths and superstitions. (gr. 7 and up)

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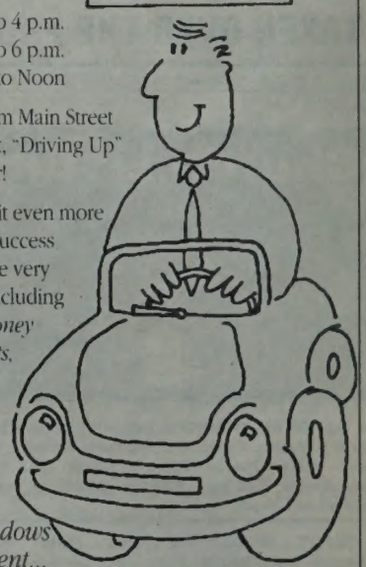
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